

Lead Hazard

In response to the national problem of childhood lead poisoning resulting from lead-based paint hazards, the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) provides funding to states and local governments to evaluate and remediate lead-based paint hazards in pre-1978 low-income privately owned housing.

The Department of Community Services and Development (CSD) Lead Hazard Control Program (LHCP) has been awarded six multi-year contracts from HUD under Rounds I, III, VII, XI, XIII, and XV totaling over \$25 million since 1993. The LHCP's primary objectives involve the delivery of lead hazard control services to low-income households occupied by young children to ensure lead-safe housing; build capacity of CSD's network of community action agencies in achieving self-sufficiency in the delivery of lead hazard control services within their respective communities; and develop lasting lead-safe training resources.

CSD currently contracts with four Community-Based Organizations (CBOs) to provide lead hazard control services in seven counties: Maravilla Foundation in Los Angeles County; Community Action Partnership of San Bernardino County in San Bernardino County; Community Resource Project in Sacramento, San Joaquin, Sutter and Yuba counties; and Redwood Community Action Agency in Humboldt County.

The local CBOs work in collaboration with lead partners to increase the effectiveness in responding to lead hazards in the local communities and to minimize any duplication of services.

FFY 2008-2012: Round XV LHCP ARRA Funding (\$3,000,000)

- Provide lead hazard control services to a projected 210 low-income households in conjunction with weatherization services.

FFY 2006-2009: Round XIII LHCP Funding (\$3,000,000)

- Provided lead hazard control services to 336 low-income households in conjunction with weatherization services.

FFY 2004-2008: Round XI LHCP Funding (\$3,000,000)

- Provided lead hazard control services to 324 low-income households in conjunction with weatherization services.
- Finalized the Lead-Safe Weatherization training video and distributed to California's weatherization providers as a training resource on lead-safe work practices. The video is a training tool for new weatherization crew members and provides a refresher course for existing workers. It discusses lead awareness and lead-safe practices during weatherization.

FFY 2000-2004: Round VII LHCP Funding (\$4,000,000)

- Provided lead hazard control services to 431 low-income households.
- CSD decentralized the LHCP to afford local agencies the ability to provide the full range of lead hazard control services in their communities.
- Housing officials in eleven counties were trained on implementation of the new HUD regulations (24 CFR Part 35 et al.) on evaluating lead-based paint in local housing programs.

FFY 1995-2000: Round III LHCP Funding (\$6,000,000)

- Provided lead hazard control services to 620 low-income households.
- Over 1,000 professionals who work with children or the housing industry attended lead awareness training workshops.
- CSD's Weatherization Installation Standards manual was revised to include lead-safe work practices requirements. As a result, CSD's weatherization agencies were provided with lead-safe weatherization training and start-up kits.

FFY 1993-2000: Round I LHCP Funding (\$6,195,944)

- Provided lead hazard control services to 290 low-income households.
- Approximately 100 households were included in a national study of the effectiveness of lead hazard controls.
- CSD sponsored the development of California's lead industry accreditation and certification program administered by the Department of Health Services.